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## AN ACT REQUIRING PHARMACISTS TO INCLUDE MANUFACTURER NAMES AND MEDWATCH REPORTING INFORMATION ON GENERIC DRUG CONTAINERS.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in General Assembly convened:

- Section 1. Section 20-617 of the general statutes is repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective January 1, 2016*):
  - (a) Each pharmacist shall include on the label of each prescription container: (1) The quantity of prescribed drug placed in such container, in addition to any other information required by law, [;] and (2) a prominently printed expiration date based on the manufacturer's recommended conditions of use and storage that can be read and understood by the ordinary individual. The expiration date required pursuant to subdivision (2) of this [section] <u>subsection</u> shall be no later than the expiration date determined by the manufacturer.
  - (b) In addition to the information required to be included on the label of each prescription container pursuant to subsection (a) of this section, each pharmacist shall include on the label of each prescription container for a drug sold only by generic name, as defined in section

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- 15 <u>20-14a</u>, and not by brand name, as defined in said section: (1) The
- 16 name of the manufacturer of the generic drug placed in the container,
- 17 and (2) the Internet web site and toll-free telephone number for the
- 18 <u>United States Food and Drug Administration's safety information and</u>
- 19 adverse event reporting program (MedWatch).

This act shall take effect as follows and shall amend the following sections:

Section 1	January 1, 2016	20-617
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## Statement of Purpose:

To require the name of the manufacturer and the Internet web site and toll-free telephone number for the federal MedWatch safety information and adverse event reporting program on generic prescription drug container labels.

[Proposed deletions are enclosed in brackets. Proposed additions are indicated by underline, except that when the entire text of a bill or resolution or a section of a bill or resolution is new, it is not underlined.]

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